



## Official WCOLH 2016 Press Conferences Schedule

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Please note that this schedule (including speakers) is subject to change.

Date and Time (BST)	Press Conference	Description	Location	Confirmed Speakers
Wednesday, 26 October 10:00-10:45	Ministerial Special Session: Responding to Lung Diseases and Non- Communicable Diseases (NCDs) – Progress and Challenges	4 Ministers of Health from Africa and Asia reflect on the success and challenges of responding to the global epidemic of tuberculosis, tobacco related diseases and Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)	Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level	<p><b>José Luis Castro</b>, Executive Director, The Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union) - Chair</p> <p><b>Dr David Parirenyatwa</b>, Hon Minister of Health &amp; Child Welfare, Zimbabwe</p> <p><b>Dr Rajitha Senaratne</b>, Hon Minister of Health, Nutrition &amp; Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka</p> <p><b>Pauly Ubial</b> , Hon Minister of Health, The Philippines</p> <p><b>Smaila Ouedarogo</b>, Hon Minister of Health, Burkina Faso</p>

<p>Wednesday, 26 October 16:00-16:45</p>	<p>Opening Press Conference</p>	<p>Official launch of Final Results of the Union Sponsored “Francophone Study” of 9 month MDR-TB Treatment Regime in 9 sub-Sharan African Countries</p>	<p>Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level</p>	<p><b>Jane Carter</b>, President, The Union (Chair) <b>José Luis Castro</b>, Executive Director, The Union</p> <p><b>Bertie Squire</b>, Chair in Clinical Tropical Medicine, Director Centre for Applied Health Research and Delivery (CAHRD)</p> <p><b>Valérie Schwoebel</b>, Programme Manager for Francophone Africa, The Union</p> <p><b>Christopher Kuaban</b>, Dean, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Bamenda , Cameroon</p> <p><b>Phumeza Tisile</b>, MDR- TB survivor, activist, South Africa</p>
<p>Thursday, 27 October 10:30-11:15</p>	<p>World Health Organisation Press (WHO)Conference</p>	<p>The WHO will launch and review a range of new initiatives it is undertaking in the global TB response</p>	<p>Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level</p>	<p><b>Mario Raviglione</b>, Director of the Global TB Programme, WHO, (Chair)</p> <p><b>Paula Fujiwara</b>, Scientific Director, The Union, <i>Zoonotic TB</i></p> <p><b>Dr Christian Lienhardt</b>, WHO, <i>New delamanid guidance for children to treat MDR-TB</i></p> <p><b>Dr Christian Lienhardt</b> and <b>Nebiat Gebreselassie</b>, WHO, <i>TB research toolkit for high burden TB countries</i></p> <p><b>Dr Madhu Pai</b>, McGill University, <i>Nature TB primer</i></p>
<p>Friday, 28 October 10.30-11:15</p>	<p>Drug Resistance, New Drugs, New Responses</p>	<p>The adoption in May 2016 by the WHO of new Treatment Guidelines for MDR-TB (replacing the previous 24 month regimen</p>	<p>Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level</p>	<p><b>Paula Fujiwara</b>, Scientific Director, The Union (Intro remarks on new Union MDR Unit) (Chair)</p> <p><b>I.D. Rusen</b>, Senior Vice President, Research and</p>

		<p>to 9 months) will have major implications for MDR Treatment rollout over the years.</p> <p>Transitioning patients into treatment and delivering new drugs like Bedaquiline are urgent priorities in high burden areas.</p>	<p>Development, The Union, Overview of STREAM Trial and new MDR-TB Treatment regimens</p> <p><b>E.Mohr</b>, Medecins Sans Frontieres, Khayelitsha, South Africa, <i>Missed opportunities for rapid diagnosis of rifampicin-resistant tuberculosis in the setting of universal GeneXpert MTB/RIF coverage in South Africa</i> (Abstract OA-402-28)</p> <p><b>A.Sinha</b>, MSF Russia, Moscow, Russian Federation, <i>Effectiveness of TB treatment regimens containing bedaquiline with repurposed drugs for drug resistant tuberculosis in the Chechen Republic, Russian Federation</i> (Abstract OA-3036)</p> <p><b>M Verdecchia</b>, MSF, Manzini, Swaziland, <i>Short course regimen for MDR TB in high HIV prevalence setting: model of care in Swaziland</i> (Abstract OA-3138)</p> <p><b>P.Cegielski</b> , US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global TB Branch, Atlanta, USA <i>Timing of acquired resistance to fluoroquinolones and second-line injectable drugs during treatment of MDR TB</i> (Abstract OA-429-28)</p> <p><b>Francesca Conradie</b>, Investigator, Clinical HIV Research Unit (CHRU), Helen Joseph Hospital, South Africa, <i>Interim results of nix-TB clinical study of pretomanid, bedaquiline and linezolid for treatment of XDR and treatment intolerant/failed MDR TB</i> (Abstract , OA-3117)</p>
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<p>Friday, 28 October 12.30-13:15</p>	<p>Infectious Diseases and NCD's: The New Unholy Grail</p>	<p>This press conference will reflect on the growing collision of infectious diseases and non-communicable diseases and the implications for public health programming.</p>	<p>Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level</p>	<p><b>Chair: TBC</b></p> <p><b>M Pearson</b>, US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Global TB Branch, Atlanta, USA. <i>Tuberculosis and diabetes: Trends in hospitalizations and impact on healthcare costs in the United States</i> (Abstract OA-421-28)</p> <p><b>Hsien-ho Lin</b>, Associate Professor in Epidemiology Institute of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine National Taiwan University, Taiwan, <i>Chronic kidney disease progression and risk of tuberculosis: a cohort study</i> (Abstract OA-423-28)</p> <p><b>K Du Preez</b>, Clinical Researcher, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, <i>The impact of household environmental tobacco smoke exposure on risk of TB infection in children with household TB exposure</i> (Abstract OA-466-29)</p>
<p>Saturday, 29 October, 10:00-10:45</p>	<p>Responding to TB: Conflict, Natural Disasters and Strengthening Health System</p>	<p>This press conference will discuss the complexities of implementing public health responses in the context of competing priorities driven by health emergencies (Ebola/Zika), natural disaster (Haiti Earthquake) or conflict.</p>	<p>Press Conference Room Room 4A, Upper Level</p>	<p><b>Jane Carter</b>, President, The Union (Chair)</p> <p><b>Nimer Ortuno Gutierrez</b>, Medical Advisor, Damien Foundation, Belgium, <i>Community tracing system performance for people affected by Tuberculosis during Ebola epidemic in Conakry, Guinea</i> (Abstract PD-1029-29)</p> <p><b>M Charles</b>, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Port-au-Prince, Haiti, <i>Effective TB case-finding with routine systematic cough screening in general outpatient, inpatient, HIV clinical services in Haiti, 2012 -- 2015</i> (Abstract OA-3032)</p>

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